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Group Art Unit: 2863

Title: PERFORMANCE MONITORING IN DISTRIBUTED SYSTEMS USING SYNCHRONIZED CLOCKS AND DISTRIBUTED EVENT LOGS

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) 37 CFR 1.114

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.114 is effective on May 20, 2000. If the above application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under CFR 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which Established RCE practice.

Submission under 37 CFR 1.114

Previously submitted:
 Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
 Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____.
 Other _____.

 Enclosed:
 Amendment/Reply
 Affidavit(s)/Declarations(s)
 Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 Other _____.



Miscellaneous

Suspension of action is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of ____ months.
The fee for this Suspension is (37 CFR 1.17(i)) \$130.00.
 Other _____.



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Please charge to Deposit Account **50-1078** the sum of **\$880.00**. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account **50-1078** pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25.

A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is enclosed.

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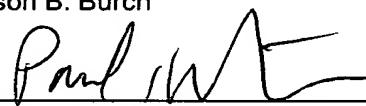
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114(a)

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed 5-21-03 and in view of the Notice of Appeal filed 9-22-03, applicants respectfully request continued examination of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 (a). The Patent Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-1078 the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (e). The authorization is also given on the accompanying transmittal letter (a duplicate copy of which is enclosed for deposit charging purposes).

This request is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time to extend the time for filing an Appeal Brief to 12-22-03 and this request is in lieu of an Appeal Brief.

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